VAX®

THE CANISTER COLLECTION

easy guide

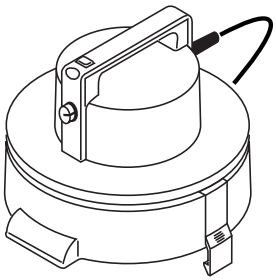
FOR QUICK AND EASY USE OF YOUR VAX

DRY VACUUMS - WASHES CARPETS - PICKS UP SPILLS

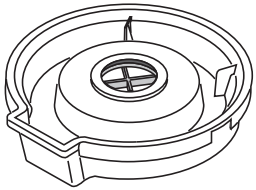
Rapide 5100

Parts checklist

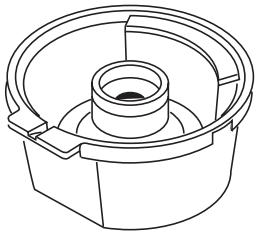
Before using your VAX, please read 'Important safety information' on page 9



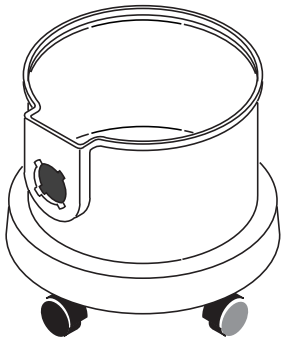
Motor unit



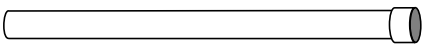
Cone filter unit



Clean water bucket



Dirty water bucket



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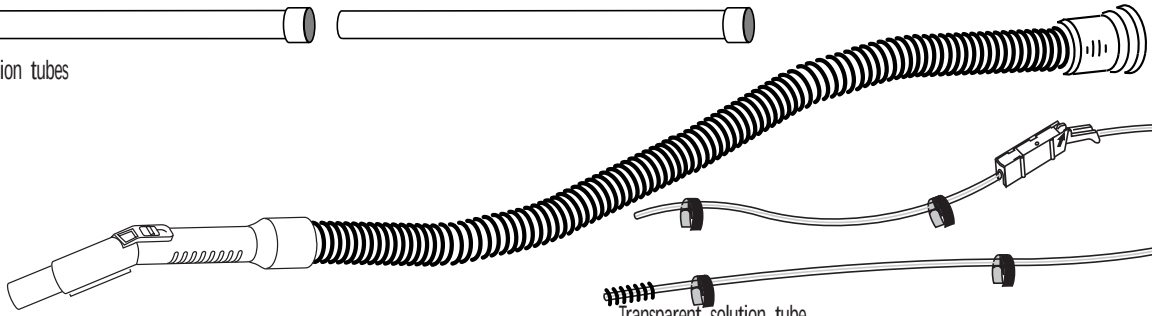
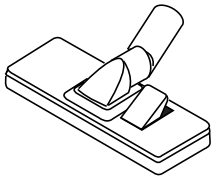


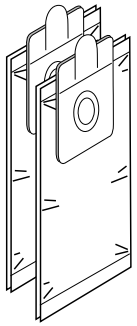
Hose and Hand grip

Transparent solution tube
(With black plastic clips for fitting to Hose and Extension tubes)



Combination tool

Dusting brush



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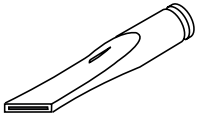
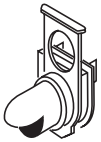
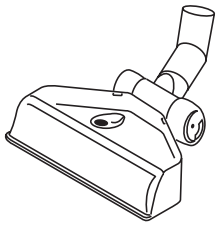


Crevice

Upholstery tool



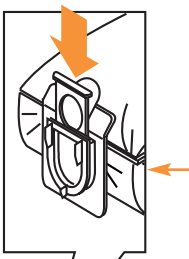
Dust bag connector



Carpet washing tool

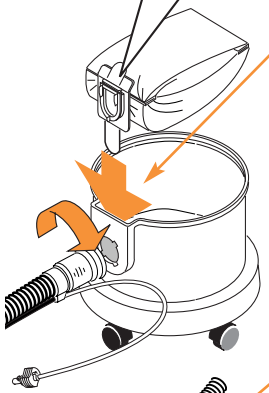
VAX Carpet Cleaner

8 steps for easy vacuuming



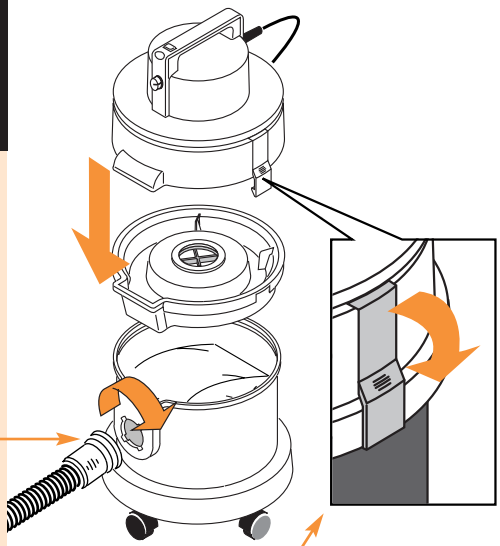
1 Fit a dust bag by pushing it firmly onto the black knob on the dust bag connector. Push the shutter down so the hole is open

The dust bag has diagrams showing exactly how to fit it.



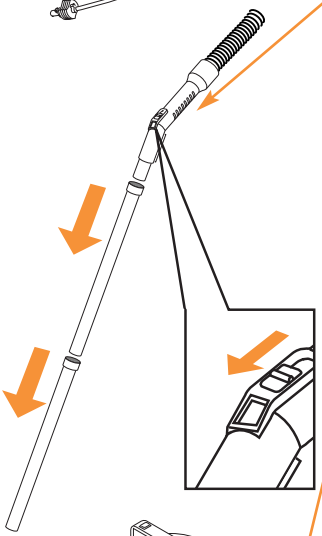
2 Push the connector into the slot in the dirty water bucket

3 Push in the connector on the end of the hose. Turn it clockwise to lock



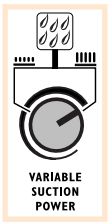
4 Fit the cone filter unit and motor unit

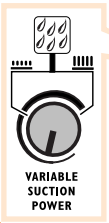
Ensure the two retaining clips are secured.
You may have to push down hard on the edges of the motor unit above the clips. They are a tight fit.

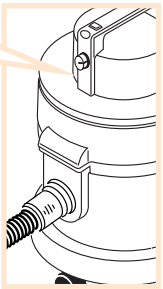


5 Join the extension tubes and fit them to the hand grip

Close the regulator hole on the hand grip for maximum suction.







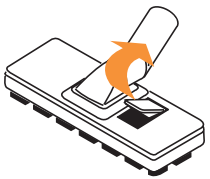
6 Choose suction power

Vacuum carpets on high power.
Vacuum fabrics and upholstery on low power.
Make sure that the cable is fully unwound.
Put the plug into a wall socket.

7 Choose the right tool for the job

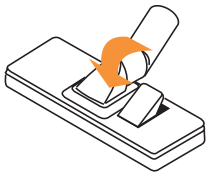
The smaller tools can be fitted to the back of your VAX when you are not using them.

UPHOLSTERY TOOL



COMBINATION TOOL
Use with lever in this position for vacuuming hard floors.

DUSTING BRUSH



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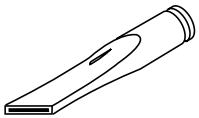
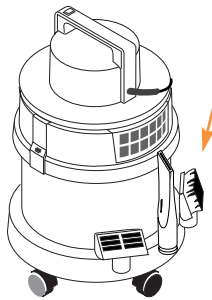


CREVICE TOOL
For cleaning in narrow gaps

8 Switch ON

Push the button on the handle marked for on, push again for off.



Tip

As your VAX is very powerful, you may find that the dust bag fills up quickly the first time that you use your VAX.

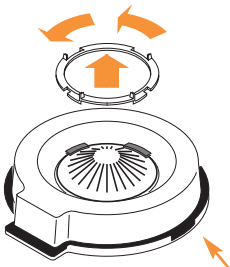
PROBLEMS?
Call the VAX HELPLINE on 0500 005987
(see back page for details)

Looking after your VAX

BEFORE USE

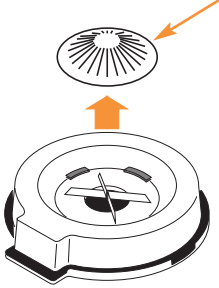
1 Always ensure that the cable is fully unwound from the motor unit

2 Do a dust bag check
The suction power of your VAX will decrease considerably when the dust bag is full

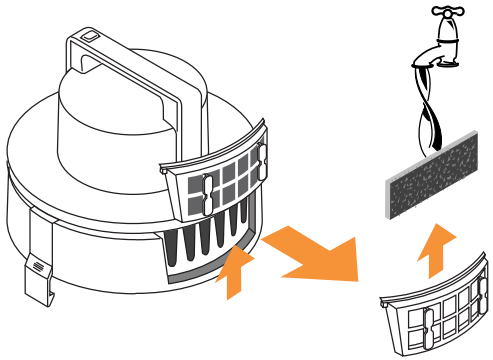


REGULARLY (when you buy a new pack of 3 dust bags)

1 Replace the cone filter
Turn the retaining ring anti-clockwise and remove it.
Lift out the filter and put in a new one.
Replace the retaining ring.



2 Clean the black exhaust filter
Push upwards on the plastic grille, it will release. Pull it out.
Take out the filter and wash it in warm water.
Squeeze it dry and replace it.
Your VAX will work more efficiently if the black exhaust filter is replaced with a new one occasionally.
Replacement filters are available from your VAX Service Agent.



3 Clean the blue filter
The blue filter is on the bottom of the motor unit.
Pull it out and wash it in warm water.
Squeeze it dry and replace it.
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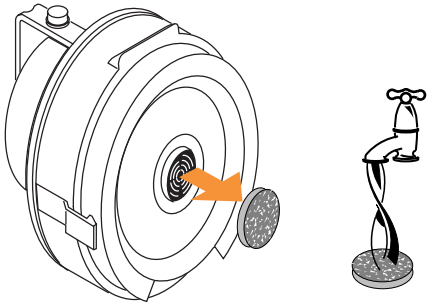
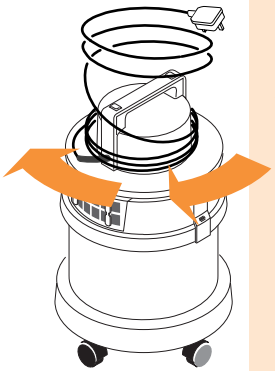


ALWAYS AFTER USE

Re-wind the power cable around the motor unit
Always re-wind in a clockwise direction. This will avoid kinks and strains on the inner wires which could cause damage to the cable.



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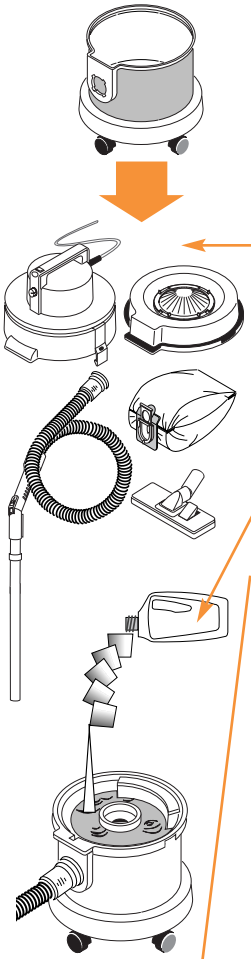
Getting ready to wash



1 Vacuum the area you intend to wash

2 Remove the motor unit, cone filter unit, hose, dust bag connector with bag attached and vacuuming tool
Stop the dust coming out of the dust bag by closing the shutter on the dust bag connector and leaving it on the bag.

3 Fill the clean water bucket with warm water, to the level marked on it. Fit the clean water bucket into the dirty water bucket

4 Add VAX Carpet Cleaner to the clean water
Refer to the instructions on the carpet cleaner bottle.

5 Slide the trigger (fixed to the transparent tube) onto the hose handle

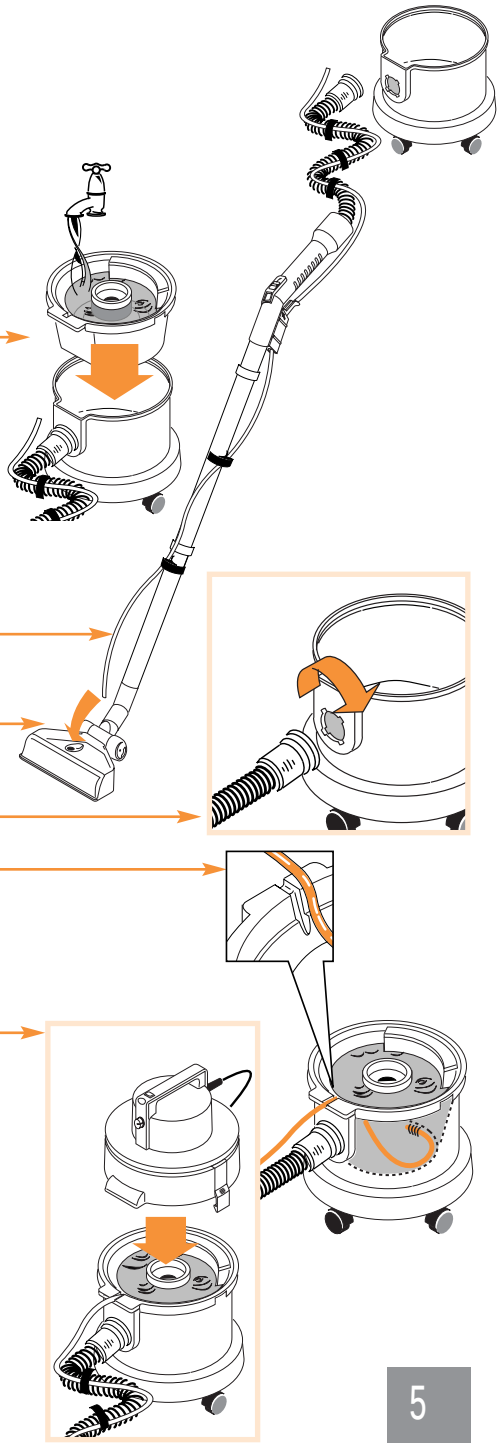
6 Clip the transparent tube to the hose and extension tubes

7 Fit the washing tool and push the transparent tube into it

8 Re-fit the hose

9 Locate the transparent tube in the groove on the edge of the clean water bucket and ensure the weighted end of the tube is at the bottom of the clean water bucket

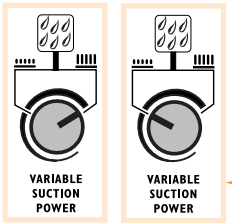
10 Fit the motor unit
Secure both side clips.



YOU ARE NOW READY TO START WASHING

Tip
You should pour VAX Defoamer into the dirty water bucket (through the central hole in the clean water bucket) if your carpet has been previously washed with a high foaming shampoo. VAX Defoamer is available through your VAX Service Agent or from VAX direct.

How to wash carpets



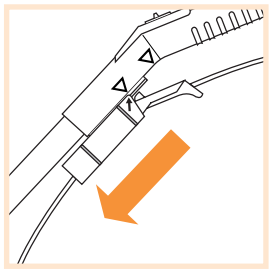
FOR LONG PILE FOR SHORT PILE

1 Set up your VAX as described on page 5

2 Switch ON

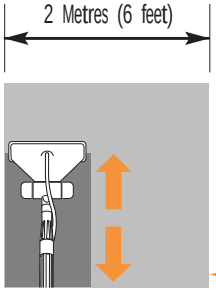
3 Turn the suction power to the suitable wash setting

4 Push the trigger forwards to the ON position

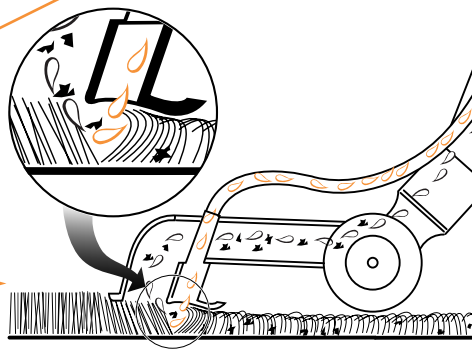


5 Lay the hose, hand grip and extension tubes on the floor for a few moments

This helps the water get to the washing tool faster.



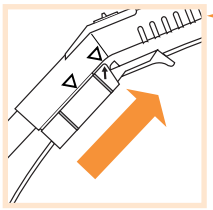
6 When you see water swirling in the washing tool you are ready to start washing



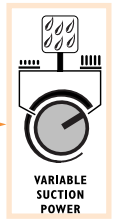
7 Keep the bottom of the washing tool flat against the carpet. Push it backwards and forwards

You are now washing the carpet.

8 Cover an area of 2 x 2 metres (6 x 6ft)



9 Pull the trigger backwards to the OFF position and turn the suction power to maximum



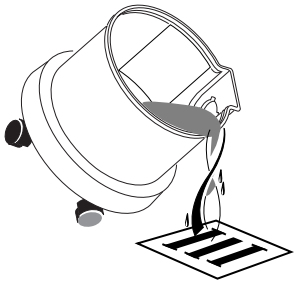
Go back over the area you have just washed

You are now removing excess moisture from the carpet.

10 Move to the next area and repeat as from 3 above

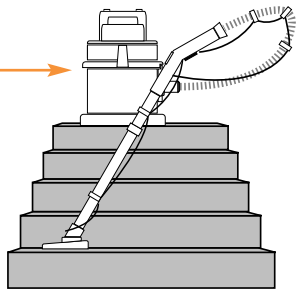
11 When no more water reaches the wash tool you will see air bubbles in the solution tube

Refill the clean water bucket with water and VAX carpet cleaner. Empty the dirty water bucket when you refill the clean water bucket. The 'sound' your VAX makes will change and the suction will drop if the dirty water bucket is over-full. Time to empty it!



Tips

- ALWAYS TEST FOR COLOUR FASTNESS, WITH SOME UNDILUTED CARPET CLEANER ON A HIDDEN AREA FIRST.
- Start from the corner of a room and work backwards towards the door.
- If you are washing very dirty carpets, you may have to wash them several times over a period of time to bring all the dirt to the surface.
- When washing stairs, place your VAX above the area you are washing. ALWAYS ENSURE YOUR VAX IS STABLE. The castors on your VAX will pull off, giving it extra stability on stairs or slopes. DO NOT PULL EXCESSIVELY ON THE BLACK WASHING HOSE.
- Metal or wooden furniture legs may mark a wet carpet. Wait until the carpet is dry or place aluminium foil under the feet of furniture.
- When washing deep pile carpets, move the washing tool in the same direction as the pile lays.
- Don't allow children or animals onto the carpet until it is dry.



How to: Suck up spills
Unblock sinks

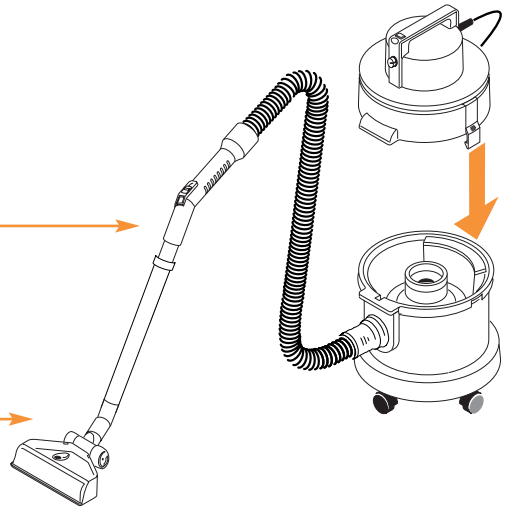
SUCKING UP SPILLS

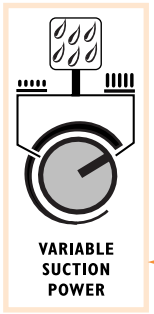
If your washing machine floods or the deep freeze has been defrosted, leaving pools of water about, your VAX can help.

1 Set up for washing, but don't connect the transparent tube or its trigger, or put water or cleaning solution in the clean water bucket

If the spill is soapy, VAX Defoamer will be required in the dirty bucket. VAX Defoamer is available from your VAX Service Agent or from VAX direct.

2 Use the metal extension tubes or connect the washing tools directly to the hand grip





3 Turn the suction power to maximum and switch on

4 Suck up the spill

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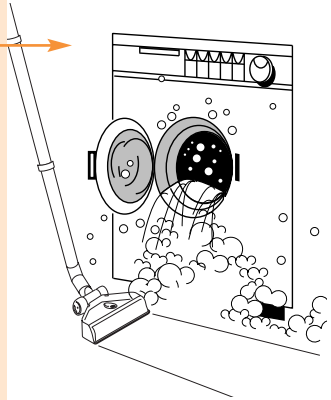
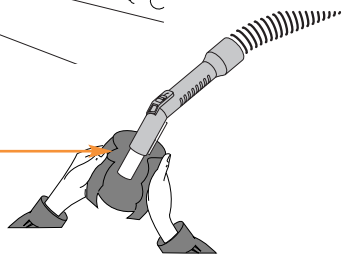


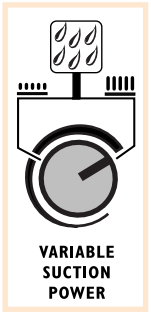
UNBLOCKING SINKS

1 Set up for washing, but don't connect the extension tubes, trigger and transparent tube or put water or cleaning solution in the clean water bucket

If the water in your sink is soapy, VAX Defoamer will be required in the dirty water bucket. VAX Defoamer is available from your VAX Service Agent or from VAX direct.

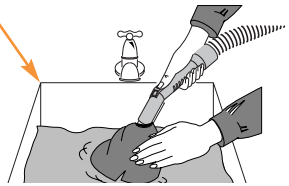
2 Use the metal extension tube of the hose hand grip. Wrap a cloth around the tube to create a seal around the plug hole



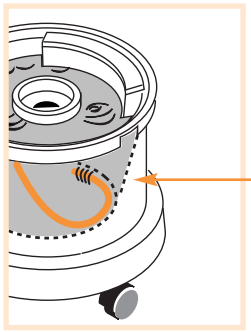


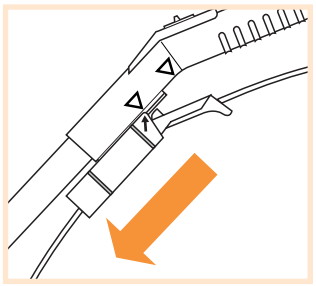
3 Turn the suction power to maximum and switch on

The 'sound' your VAX makes will change and the suction will drop when the dirty water bucket is full. Time to empty it!



Washing : If you have difficulties
What to do after washing





IF YOU HAVE WASHING DIFFICULTIES, CHECK..

1 The trigger is switched to ON when washing carpets

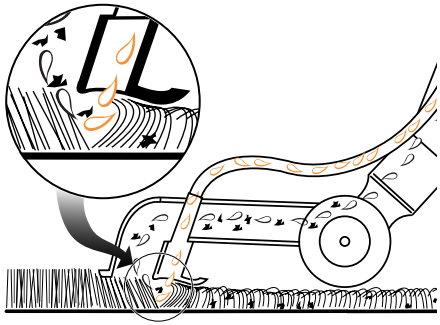
2 The weight on the end of the transparent tube is at the bottom of the clean water bucket

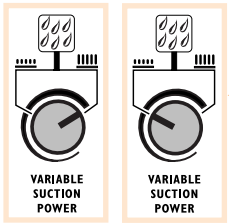
3 The dirty water bucket may be full, causing the automatic cut off valve to stop the suction

4 There are no kinks in the transparent tube
Remove kinks by rubbing the tube between finger and thumb.

5 The washing tool is flat on the surface being washed

6 The variable suction power dial is on the correct setting





FOR LONG PILE FOR SHORT PILE

AFTER WASHING - ALWAYS

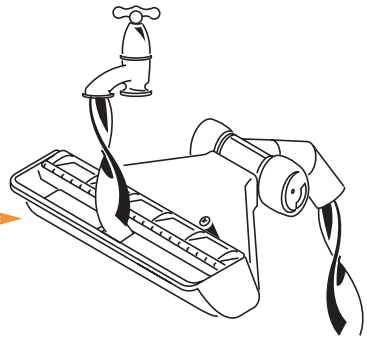
Clean your VAX thoroughly

Keep your VAX assembled.
Clean the washing tool, extension tubes and hose, by sucking up some clean warm water.
After sucking up the water, leave your VAX switched on, air flowing through the hose will help dry it out.

AFTER WASHING - REGULARLY

Clean out the washing tool

Turn it upside down and wash it out under warm running tap water.



PROBLEMS?
Call the VAX HELPLINE on 0500 005987
(see back page for details)

Important safety information

This 'easy guide' should be read completely and referred to at all times before using your VAX.

This 'easy guide' should be retained with your VAX for future reference.
If your VAX is sold or transferred to a new owner, this guide should be passed on so that the new owner can become acquainted with the machine and this information. The following information is provided in the interest of safety.
Please read it before using your VAX.

Do's

- Ensure the mains cable is fully unwound and straightened before use.
- Ensure the mains cable is kept well away from the revolving brushes (where fitted) of your VAX, when it is turned on and running.
- Keep the mains cable away from heat, oil, sharp edges and rough surfaces and avoid damage in any other way.
- Exercise extreme care when cleaning stair carpets. Ensure that your VAX is in a stable position at either the top or bottom of the stairs without over-stretching the hose or cable. When cleaning the stair treads, always keep a hand firmly on your VAX. You may prefer to remove the castors.
- Follow the instructions in this user guide when fitting accessories or tools.
- Remove the plug from the wall socket before carrying out any maintenance specified in this guide.
- Change dust bags and filters at regular intervals as specified in this guide.
- Store your VAX in a dry place.
- Have your VAX serviced by an authorised VAX Service Agent only using genuine VAX spare parts. Refer to the section 'Service' on the back cover of this guide.
- Always use VAX carpet cleaner. Other products may damage your carpet and/or machine.

Don'ts

- Never allow children to tamper or play with your VAX.
- Avoid dragging your VAX by the mains cable.
- Never tug at the mains cable to remove the plug from the wall socket.
- Never allow the complete coiled mains cable to drop on the floor as this may result in kinks or knots occurring in the cable, causing premature failure.
- Don't let anyone touch the rotating brush bar (where fitted) unless your VAX is disconnected from the mains.
- Never use your VAX in the presence of flammable gases.
- Avoid sucking up hot items, hazardous liquids or any other material which could damage your VAX.
- Never leave your VAX running unattended.
- Never use without a dust bag except when washing or sucking up spills.
- If your VAX fails to operate, never attempt to repair it yourself as repairs carried out by an unauthorised or inexperienced person may cause injury to you or damage to your VAX.
- Never alter the specification or modify your VAX in any way.

EXTENSION CABLE

If using an extension cable always ensure that the insulation sheath is in good condition and is not damaged in any way.
Make sure that the plug and socket are fitted to the extension cable correctly, if in doubt have it checked by a qualified electrician.
Always use the cable in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

THE POWER SUPPLY CORD IN YOUR VAX HAS 2 INNER WIRES.
IT SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO THE PLUG AS INDICATED BELOW.
WARNING: THIS APPLIANCE **MUST NOT** BE EARTHED

IMPORTANT: When carrying out any maintenance or cleaning operations on this product, it is essential that the plug is removed from the wall socket.

The wires in the mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

BLUE - NEUTRAL BROWN - LIVE

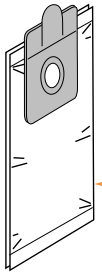
If the plug provided is unsuitable for your socket outlets, the plug must be cut off and a suitable plug fitted. The cut-off plug should be disposed of and must not be inserted into any 13 amp socket as this can result in electric shock. The plug or adaptor or the distribution panel should be provided with a 13 amp fuse. As the colours of the wires in the mains lead of this appliance may not correspond with coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows. The wire which is coloured blue MUST be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured black. The wire which is coloured brown MUST be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter L or coloured red. DO NOT CONNECT EITHER WIRE TO THE EARTH TERMINAL OF A THREE PIN PLUG (TH1S 1S MARKED 'E' OR BY THE EARTH SYMBOL ⏚ OR COLOURED GREEN OR GREEN AND YELLOW).

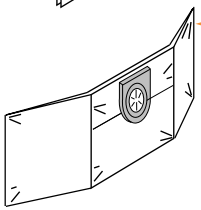
NOTE: After replacing or changing a fuse, the fuse cover in the plug must be replaced with a fuse cover which corresponds to the colour of the insert in the base of the plug or the word that is embossed on the base of the plug, and the appliance must not be used without a fuse cover. If lost, replacement fuse covers can be obtained from VAX Ltd.

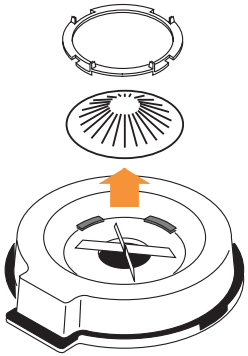
Only 13 amp fuses approved to B.S. 1362 A.S.T.A. should be used. This appliance conforms with the requirements of EEC Directive No. 82/499/EEC relating to radio interference.

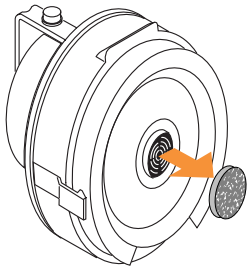
In the interests of product improvement, the Company reserve the right to introduce modifications or alterations without notice.

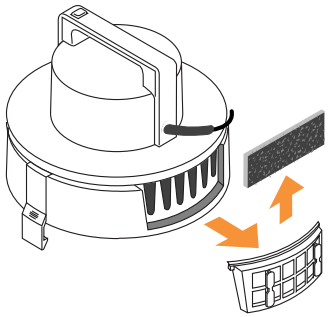
VAX parts and accessories

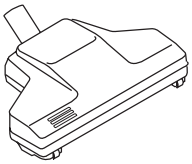


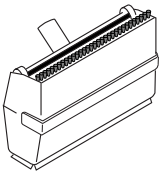












Items below are available from your Vax Service Agent or from VAX Direct.

Paper dust bag (double walled)

Available in packs of 3, including 1 cone filter.

Cloth bag

For heavy duty use, these bags can be cleaned up to 5 times.

Cone filters

Supplied in each pack of 3 VAX double walled paper dust bags.

Blue filters

Available from your VAX Service Agent or from VAX Direct.

Exhaust filters

Available from your VAX Service Agent or from VAX Direct.

Accessories below are not supplied with this (5100) model

Powerbrush

Attach the Powerbrush vacuuming tool to the extension tubes of your VAX. Switch on and the brush bar inside will rotate at high speed dislodging trapped dust from within the carpet pile. The automatic air adjustment feature allows air to drive the brush bar for effective cleaning on light or heavy pile carpets.

Automop

Attach the Automop to the extension tubes of your VAX. The Automop cleaning head, washes and dries hard floors. Suitable for vinyl, ceramics, terrazzos, quarry tiles and most other hard floor surfaces.

VAX Cleaning Solutions and Service

All VAX Cleaning Solutions are approved for use on wool and wool rich carpets

VAX Carpet Cleaner

Specially formulated for use with your VAX its colour care formulation will keep colours true, whilst gently lifting out deep down dirt quickly and efficiently. The anti-resoiling system ensures carpets stay clean longer and the unique fragrance will leave them smelling fresh.
VAX Carpet Cleaner is available in 500 ml, 1 litre and 2 litre bottles.

VAX Defoamer

Formulated to prevent the build up of foam in the dirty water tank. Foam may be caused by cleaning fluids previously used on carpets, or when clearing up soapy spills. Routine washing will not require Defoamer because VAX Carpet Cleaner is designed to be low foaming.

VAX Wool Carpet Cleaner

Developed specifically for cleaning carpets that are made from wool only or are predominantly wool in construction.

VAX Sponge or Brush-in Shampoo

For cleaning your carpets by hand. Whilst this process will clean the surface of the carpet it will not remove deep down dirt as effectively as washing your carpets with your VAX.

VAX Spill Absorbing Crystals

Super absorbent crystals which provide fast aid for water based spillages. By absorbing the spillage, this unique product helps to reduce staining.

VAX Deep Action Gel

Features a soft bristle, dispensing head which works the gel into the carpet fibres and controls the area to be cleaned, preventing the stain from spreading.

VAX High Foam Mousse

With a gentle 'dry cleaning' action avoids excessive wetting of carpets and upholstery.

VAX High Foam Spray

A mild anti-bacterial formula which helps to kill germs and eliminate odours left behind from accidental spills.

VAX Hard Floor Cleaner

Specially developed for use with the VAX Automop (see page 10), VAX Hard Floor Cleaner achieves excellent cleaning results on hard floors.

ALL VAX CARPET CARE PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN INDEPENDENTLY TESTED AND APPROVED AS SAFE FOR USE ON WOOL/WOOL RICH AND MAN MADE FIBRE CARPETS.
THEY ARE AVAILABLE FROM SUPERMARKETS AND MANY ELECTRICAL STORES

VAX Helpline

If you have any queries or concerns about using your VAX, please call our FREEPHONE HELPLINE on 0500 005987.
All calls are free of charge. Lines are open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm. An answerphone is available outside these hours to receive your message. Please make a note of the serial number and model number of your VAX before calling. They can be found on the label on the handle of your VAX.

VAX Service

There are over 700 approved VAX Service Agents in the UK offering quality repair and a spares service. For details of your nearest Service Agent, please call the FREEPHONE HELPLINE on 0500 005987.

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